

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Ser. No.: 10/597953 Art Group: (To be assigned)
Title: DIRECT HEATING TUBE AND METHOD OF HEATING FLUID USING SAME
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Second Preliminary Amendment is filed to correct minor matters of translation in the claims, to reflect US custom regarding claim format and to correct a minor typographical error. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – none.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 5.